

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – August 2014 – open to the public

DATE: 08-26-2014 TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: **ORU building; 201 Bills Road in Lakeside.**

NOTICED: County P&Z website Calendar of Events page; posters in Library and Post Office in Lakeside, submitted to DIL Daybook column.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Sign-in sheet passed.
2. Public Comment for items not on the agenda
3. Approve Agenda.
4. Approve prior meeting minutes: Approve meeting minutes from July 2014.
5. Review/recommendations on any County applications in the Lakeside planning area (if any are scheduled): none
6. Guest presentations or reports (listed below, if any are scheduled): Guest speaker: Paul Jenkins, School District 29 Superintendent
7. Procedural discussions or items (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. Any updates on the By-Laws after David sent the email to the commissioners.
 - b. Guest speakers at upcoming meetings.
8. Lakeside Plan Implementation Strategies and beginning update for next plan:
 - a. Any updates on Solid Waste Consolidation
 - b. Update on Blacktail Trail
9. Meeting adjourned

NOTE: Public comment will be accepted on any agenda item when that item is being discussed.

MEETING MINUTES:

Council Members attending: Barb Miller, Meredith Coopman, David Fetveit, Gene Shellerud, Colby Lenz, Mike Wilson

Council Members not attending: Warren Davis

P&Z attendees: none

Public: Julie Meisner, Mike Blum, Barb Blum, Margaret Davis, Paul Jenkins

MINUTES:

1. Call to order at 7:05pm.
2. Maggie Davis gave an update on the Park expansion: The Parks Board discussed Lakeside – problems with the boat ramp. The shooed off a pile driver trying to park there & moved it to private land. Ben Williams has dead trees that need to come out. Tennis courts need maintenance. Parks Board will respond. In Volunteer Park, despite dog ordinance, a woman is bringing 2 Rottweilers who are doing damage. If you see her, don't approach her, but try to get license # or take a picture. Volunteer Park expansion: Commissioners voted unanimously to take the expansion into the Parks system. Expansion adds 275 feet of lakefront and 220 feet on Hwy 93. Low key dedication to be held 8am 8/27. Note that Bigfork participates in the Parks Board, volunteer work & funding. Lakeside-Somers Chamber should consider doing this also. Volunteer Park, according to the county, gets the most reservation of county parks. County has asked for a possible Park host. A Webcam is being installed at the Lakeside Merc Building allowing a 360 degree view of Lakeside – including the park. Chamber is paying for the internet and it is a donated unit. Eisenlohr

donated the bracket. Jed Gordy – need to talk to him& let him know about the camera; possible default position looking at the Park.

3. Barb motioned, Gene seconded and passed unanimously to approve agenda
4. Barb motioned, Colby seconded and passed unanimously to approve July meeting minutes.
5. No County business
6. Paul Jenkins: School Dist. 29 (Somers-Lakeside) Superintendent
 - a. Unique note: August 2014 has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays – happens only every 8 years.
 - b. There is a proposal on the table to take Somers-Lakeside grades 6,7,8 students to attend District 5 (south Kalispell).
 - c. Paul met with District 5 and asked how they did levies. There is concern about what we're doing for schools. Dist. 5 needs a middle school south of Kalispell. The proposed property purchase on Airport Rd. didn't work out.
 - d. Somers needs upgrades. Let grades 5,6,7,8 go to Dist. 5? – it's a family/individual choice. Dist. 29 would lose funding – largest source for funding is grades 7,8. We would also probably lose teachers. Even if Somers Middle is retrofitted, people will choose Dist. 5 because they don't support levies.
 - e. We need cooperation & to work with state on some legislation. Vision: Grades K,1,2 at Lakeside Elementary; grades 3,4,5 at Somers (would need retrofit; but less expensive than if kept as a middle school. If grade 5 goes to Dist. 5, they will pay full tuition of \$500-800; now it is less.
 - f. The legislative session is coming up and Bullock to introduce some pre-school legislation. Paul is going to meet with Mark Blasdel.
 - g. Better schools increase property value.
 - h. Suggestions to Paul for working communication: Lakeside-Somers Voice (Debbie Spaulding), Community Club (Deb Newell), Chamber of Commerce (David Fetveit), PTA.
 - i. Dist. 5 will vote in November; envision 2-3 years to build new school.
 - j. Dist. 5 seems to hold all the cards now, but they want to work with us.
 - k. Bullock for "universally voluntary" to send kids to public schools. If pre-K legislation happens, position would be preK – 2.
 - l. Lakeside Elementary has increased the population; don't know exact numbers yet. Middle school also up; 80 kids, grades 5-6, went to Somers.
7. Procedural:
 - a. By-Laws: no response from Commissioners; David to follow up.
 - b. Upcoming guest speakers:
 - i. QRU reschedule to September – Mike
 - ii. Northwest Energy (natural gas) for October – David
 - iii. Zinc Air for November – Gene
8. Lakeside Plan
 - a. Green Box issue: Update read from Dan Benesch email --
The solid waste board meeting went well. After a bit of discussion the board voted to recommend to the county commissioners that they approve the purchase of the land. Commissioner Gary Kruger abstained, but indicated he was in favor of the motion to recommend. If the commissioners approve the land purchase it will open the door for further discussions with Bigfork folks on what service enhancements they do and do not want to pay for. Recycle bins will be an issue and clearly the board is set on having the Bigfork and Lakeside sites manned. They are still waiting to hear from the MT Dept of Transportation in regards to expanding the area the county leases for the Lakeside greenbox site. Dave Prunty said there is no way of knowing how long MDT will take, weeks or months. It appears that if they don't get word soon then the Lakeside expansion effort will be on

hold till next year. Fortunately the board is not in a hurry. The "Informal Survey" they hired CMH2Hill to conduct is still being developed. The board may or may not provide drafts of the survey to us for further comment. Also in attendance at the meeting were several people from Bigfork, including Paul Mutascio. Paul & I agreed that I would write up this synopsis and send it out to everyone on the Lakeside task force. He will comment on this report if he sees a need for further clarification. On a related note: At our July task force meeting I had agreed to meet with Dave Prunty after the Bigfork decision to gather additional data and ask the board to put key stats on their web site. I am ready and able to do that at any time. In the next few days I will be composing a draft list of questions to ask and data to request, for everyone to review and modify as they see fit. I seek your advice, would it be more appropriate if the questions were submitted via email instead of in person? The advantage of a face to face meeting is that I can get a better read on how flexible Dave is on certain issues. Ultimately, the board makes the policy decisions, not Dave, so his flexibility may provide a clue, but it cannot be relied on as a firm indicator of how the board will vote.

b. Blacktail Trail: see emails below.

9. Barb moved, David seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting.

From: [Muffie Thomson](#)

Date: 8/18/2014 4:27:06 PM

To: ['Jo Bangeman'](#); [Barb Miller](#)

Subject: RE: CTEP trail???

Yes, it will still happen. In April, they held the community open house for input. The suggestions were integrated into the Thomas, Dean & Hoskins engineering plan. The Request for Proposal has been sent out (I think). It was a very slow, but methodical process because we want the project bid in components in order to complete as much as we can with the funds we have available. In the meanwhile, the County is hoping that the residents along Blacktail Rd will help themselves to the trees that are in the right of way in order to avoid paying the contract rate to remove them. Any tree over 4" (our neighbor across Hwy 93 has weeds that diameter) have to be contracted at \$100 per tree for removal! We can save a lot of \$ if the property owners would just remove their own and either cut it up for firewood or sell it to the sawmills. Muffie

From: Jo Bangeman [mailto:traillink@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 4:17 PM

To: Barb Miller; Muffie Thomson

Subject: CTEP trail???

Barb and Muffie, I tried contacting Alex Hogle to see what has happened with Lakeside's Blacktail Pedestrian/Bike trail and the CTEP funding, but he's out of the office until Aug. 26th. Do you know why it hasn't begun? And will it still happen? Johanna